

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 24th June 2012**

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## **Short Wave Listeners**

Short Wave Listener members will have seen the item on Page 4 of the current issue of Echo Ireland about call book entries. SWLs who want to be included in published listings are asked to email Joe Ryan EI7GY, the Membership Records Officer, at [memrecords /at/ irts.ie](mailto:memrecords/at/irts.ie)

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## **HF News Readers Needed**

Additional HF newsreaders are required to cover the 40 & 80M news broadcasts over the summer months due to holidays etc. Any members that wish to join the panel and are available to read the HF news would be most welcome. Please send an email to [info /at/ irts.e](mailto:info/at/irts.e)

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## **Change in 40 Metre News Frequency**

The present 40 metre radio news frequency has become increasingly busier on Sunday mornings. This has lead on occasions to some difficulty in the reception of both the bulletins and the reports on the transmissions. It has been decided, therefore, to move the transmission of the 40 metre news to a new frequency of 7123 kHz on and from Sunday the 1st of July. This frequency was selected after monitoring a range of frequencies over a period of time by amateurs who use this particular transmission of the radio news bulletin.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

On Sunday last, 17th of June. SEARG participated in the IRTS counties contest form Tankardstown on the Copper Coast Geopark in Co. Waterford. This is the same location the club uses for it's annual participation in the Geopark Communications Weekend. SEARG would like to thank Paula McCarthy of the Copper Coast Geopark management for once again allowing us to use this great site.

Today, Sunday 24 June, South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be active as EI2WRC/p from the Butlerstown & District Vintage Society's 4th Annual Field Day at

Orchardstown, Co. Waterford in aid of the Irish Red Cross (Portlaw) and Tramore Coast Guard.

The field day will include vintage cars, bikes and tractors as well as stationary engines, mini farm, amusements, bouncy castles, a hurling tournament and refreshments. SEARG will operate a portable station at the rally and will have an SDR radio on display for the public.

Theory classes continue every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Roanmore Social & Sports club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

For later information about the club, visit [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

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### **2012 IARU HF World Championship**

The 2012 IARU HF World Championships will take place during the second full weekend of July, beginning at 12:00 UTC on Saturday 14 July and ending at 12:00 UTC on Sunday 15 July 2012.

The objective of this contest is to contact as many other amateurs, especially IARU Member Society HQ stations, around the world as possible using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metre bands using phone and/or CW.

All IARU Region 1 Member Societies are invited to actively participate with their official stations and to encourage their members to also participate.

The rules for the 2012 contest are available on [bit.ly/9droX1](http://bit.ly/9droX1)

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### **EI0IRTS**

Affiliated clubs and individuals are invited to help put EI80IRTS on the air in this our 80th Anniversary year. If you or your club wish to use EI80IRTS please contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB at [ei4gxb /at/ gmail.com](mailto:ei4gxb@atgmail.com) or Thos Caffrey EI2JD at [thoscaffrey /at/ hotmail.com](mailto:thoscaffrey/at/hotmail.com). Reports from SWL's are particularly welcome and a very attractive award is available for working the station.

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### **North Cork Radio Group**

The North Cork Radio Group is happy to announce that their next event is on Sunday 8-July. The NCRG will activate Seefin Mountain.

This will be the 6th event and field day of the North Cork Radio Group this year; meeting at 10AM in the morning, to jointly go to the summit to activate. The rendezvous point will be at the entrance to Millstreet Country Park. More details on exact location to be found on our Facebook Page.

As usual NCRG events are free for members and non-members to participate and attend. We do appreciate that you will let us know if you are planning of attending. The normal coffee/tea/biscuits will be available for all to enjoy. Non-Members are very welcome; licensed or not. If you are licensed and want to work our stations and absorb the atmosphere of our club and activations, or if you are not-licensed and would like to know more about Amateur Radio and the NCRG and their many activations; let us know, and come along!

Using the EI1NC/P call-sign; we hope to either see or work many of you!

Let's go up a mountain, have a field day with lots of radio fun! If you are planning of attending; let us know!

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## **DX News**

Yuri N3QQ and Richard N7RO will be in Pago Pago, American Samoa from 27 June until 3 July. They will operate as KH8/KL7RRC or possibly KH8RRC during their spare time with emphasis on 40 – 10m. QSLs go via UA9OBA.

The ARRL added the DXCC entity of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to the DXCC list some 30 years ago. There have been occasional activities over the years from SMOM which is based in Rome. The next such activity is announced for 1 – 4 July. The callsign to be used is 1A0C (One A Zero C) . SMOM is considered one of the rarest European DXCC entities. The preferred QSL route is via the Online QSL Request System.

Dave W9DR is QRV from the British Virgin Islands from now until 2 July. He is operating on 6m and the callsign to look out for is VP2V/W9DR. QSLs go via his home call.

In June 2007 a group of amateurs operated as AN8TID from the Teide Volcano on Tenerife in the Canary Islands. Now 5 years on a further activity will take place from 30 June until 2 July. This time the callsign will be EH8TID and will be at a height of 3555m above sea level. This is 163m from the top of the volcano. They will be active on 80 – 6m using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31.

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## **Olympic 2012 Operating Restrictions**

To support the operation of the 2012 Olympic games, restrictions on the use of the 2m, 70cm, 2.3GHz and 3.4GHz bands will be in place between 28 June and 23 September 2012. These restrictions apply to both UK amateurs and amateurs visiting the UK. Details on the restrictions can be found on the RSGB website at [www.rsgb.org/news/articlelinks.php?id=0348](http://www.rsgb.org/news/articlelinks.php?id=0348)

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## **2012 Leap Second**

The last minute of June 30th 2012 UTC will be 61 seconds long, the extra second being a "leap second". Leap seconds are introduced to maintain synchronisation between atomic clocks and more traditional time scales such as Greenwich Mean Time. These leap seconds are introduced approximately every 18 months, at the end of June or December, usually to give the Earth's rotation a chance to catch up on our clocks. In Ireland the leap will take place close to 1am Irish Summer Time.

This leap second represents a chance to record the leap second by DXing an international time signal (e.g. Rugby on 60kHz, Moscow on 4.996 MHz). As the future of leap seconds is under discussion at the ITU, this could be the last chance to have a QSO with a leap second!

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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